

# HOUSE BILL 578

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By: **Delegates Stein, Washington, and Solomon**

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Assigned to: Ways and Means

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Election Law – Early Voting – Reporting of Precinct Results**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that a certain statement of election results required to be  
4 prepared by each local board of canvassers report election results by precinct that  
5 includes all votes cast by voters registered in each precinct who voted on an early  
6 voting day; requiring that a certain report of election results by precinct made  
7 available by the State Board of Elections include all votes cast by voters registered  
8 in each precinct who voted on an early voting day; and generally relating to the  
9 reporting of early voting election results by precinct.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Election Law  
12 Section 11–402  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article – Election Law**

18 11–402.

19 (a) Unless otherwise provided by the Maryland Constitution, and except as  
20 provided in subsection (b) of this section, each board of canvassers shall prepare a  
21 statement of election results by precinct for each candidate or question voted on at the  
22 election and declare:

23 (1) who is elected or nominated for office:

24 (i) in county government; or

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) for any other office voted for only within that county, if the  
2 certificate of candidacy for that office was issued by the local board; and

3 (2) whether or not a question is adopted or approved.

4 (b) The statement prepared by the board of canvassers under this section:

5 (1) may not report the absentee vote separately by precinct; AND

6 (2) **SHALL REPORT ELECTION RESULTS BY PRECINCT THAT INCLUDE**  
7 **ALL VOTES CAST BY VOTERS REGISTERED IN EACH PRECINCT WHO VOTED ON AN**  
8 **EARLY VOTING DAY.**

9 (c) Each local board shall publish a sufficient number of copies of the complete  
10 election results, tabulated by precinct, and shall make the copies available to the public at  
11 cost.

12 (d) (1) In addition to the statement of election results specified under  
13 subsection (a) of this section, the State Board shall make available in an electronic format  
14 a report of election results for each candidate or question voted on at the election:

15 (i) by precinct, **INCLUDING ALL VOTES CAST BY VOTERS**  
16 **REGISTERED IN EACH PRECINCT WHO VOTED ON AN EARLY VOTING DAY;**

17 (ii) by State legislative district, including any subdistrict;

18 (iii) by county legislative district; and

19 (iv) for each county as a whole.

20 (2) The State Board may make the report specified under paragraph (1) of  
21 this subsection available to the public at cost.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
23 1, 2019.